

Trees on Maine Street

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PROJECT CANOPY ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Project Canopy Assistance Grants are available to state, county, and municipal governments, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations for developing and implementing community forestry projects and programs. Project Canopy, a cooperative partnership between the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry's Maine Forest Service and GrowSmart Maine, anticipates that \$150,000 will be available to support community forestry projects in the following categories:

Planning and Education

\$10,000 maximum award

Projects support sustainable community forestry management, and efforts to increase awareness of the benefits of trees and forests.

Planting and Maintenance

\$8,000 maximum award

Projects increase the health and livability of communities through sound tree planting and maintenance.

To be eligible to apply for 2014 Project Canopy Assistance grants, all applicants must attend a grant workshop prior to submitting an application (excluding previous workshop attendees). Grant workshops will be scheduled for November 2014, will be held in various locations throughout the state, and will cover topics including grant writing, project development, sustainable community forestry management, and grant administration.

Grant applications will be due to the Maine forest Service at **5:00 pm on Friday, December 19, 2014**. All grants require a 50% match from the grant recipient in cash or in-kind services.

Project Canopy is funded by the USDA Forest Service Community Forestry Assistance Program. The USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program was authorized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (PL95-313) and revised by the 1990 Farm Bill (PL101-624) to promote natural resource management in populated areas and improve quality of life.

For complete grant application and workshop information, please visit the Project Canopy website at <http://www.projectcanopy.me/grants>. You can also learn more about the Project Canopy assistance program by contacting Jan Ames Santerre by phone at 207-287-4987 or by email at jan.santerre@maine.gov.

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assists communities and nonprofit, grassroots organizations in building self-sustaining urban and community forestry programs with strong local support.

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To read the latest Forests for Maine's Future Newsletter

<http://www.forestsfomainesfuture.org/new-from-the-woods/>

News and Updates



— manomet.org photo

Have you seen Manomet's Urban and Community Forests' page? It has a cool new tool to help urban and community forest managers determine whether forest carbon offsets would work for them and several relevant case studies to provide a further information. Scroll down to the Forest Carbon Offsets section and download "Urban and Community Forestry: Are Forest Carbon Offset Projects Feasible for Land Trusts and Communities? (2014)" Visit: <https://www.manomet.org/program/sustainable-economies/sagadahoc-urban-and-community-forestry-project>

Calendar

September

16 Preventing Storm Damage to Trees Webinar, 12pm
<https://meeting.psu.edu/pacomunityforestry>
27 GreatMaine Outdoor Weekend—Hobbs Farm 10am
<https://www.facebook.com/threeriverslandtrust>
28 ISA Annual Conference, Burlington.
www.newenglandisa.org/

October

3 Harvesting to Meet Landowner Goals Workshop, Auburn Hall.. richard@awsd.org phone 333-6665 ext 1556.
10 TD Tree Days Auburn, Ingersoll Arena
21 GrowSmart Maine Summit 2014 Augusta Civic Center
www.growsmartmaine.org/summit
November
14-15 Local Woods Works Conference—Augusta Civic Center www.localwoodworksmaine.com

Global ReLeaf now accepting applications for 2015

Since 1990, American Forests Global ReLeaf has completed restoration work in all 50 U.S. states and 44 countries around the world, helping to plant more than 47 million trees in areas of critical need. To build upon this legacy, American Forests' Restoration grant program is now accepting applications for restoration tree planting projects for the year 2015.

The grant program provides private dollars to support reforestation efforts, including tree planting and site preparation/maintenance. The most competitive grants place a focus on the following criteria:

- Ensuring that a high-quality, cost-efficient project is proposed on a site of crucial need;
- Maximizing the total project funds per tree planted by proposing higher amounts of trees per grant dollar received;
- Addressing one or more of American Forests' critical issues (water, fire, recreation, wildlife, pests and diseases, urban benefits, and climate change);
- Assuring and adhering to the proposed project's timeline and seedling number;
- Potentially incorporating methods for human interest and media exposure;
- Proven organizational capability to accurately track the funds expended;
- Incorporating a maintenance and/or monitoring and evaluation plan for planted trees.

American Forests' application can be found online. Further information, an instructional guide and FAQs can be found at www.americanforests.org/GlobalReleafApplication.

Deadline for grant proposals is October 29th, 2014. There is currently no minimum or maximum grant amount that an applicant may request, but typically, our grants do not exceed \$25,000.

If you have any questions regarding grant specifics or applying for funds, please contact Megan Higgs, Manager of Forest Restoration, at mhiggs@americanforests.org.

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"September: it was the most beautiful of words, he'd always felt, evoking orange-flowers, swallows, and regret."
- Alexander Theroux, 1981

Tree Steward Training

October 24 & 25, 2014

Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA

Each fall, the Massachusetts Urban and Community Forestry Program, the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association, and the USDA Forest Service host a training for Tree Board members, tree activists, interested citizens, Tree Wardens and other green professionals. This Tree Steward Training provides foundation instruction in tree physiology, tree care, and other urban and community forestry issues with the aim of developing better tree stewardship in Massachusetts communities of all sizes.

Speakers include urban and community forestry professionals from the state, the USDA Forest Service, green industries, and the Massachusetts Urban and Community Forestry Program.

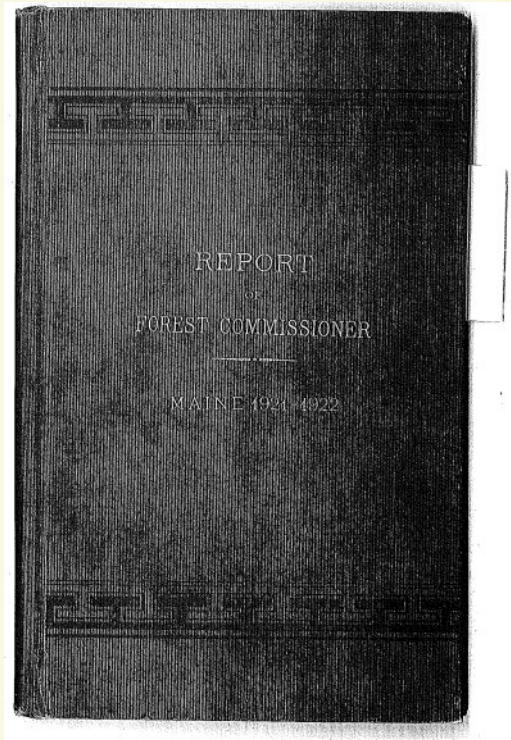
The registration deadline is October 10.

For more information contact Mollie Freilicher
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New Hampshire's Return on Investment in Land Conservation

The Trust for Public Land conducted an economic analysis of the return on New Hampshire's investment in land conservation through a variety of state programs that funded land acquisition statewide, and found that every \$1 invested in land conservation returned \$11 in natural goods and services to the New Hampshire economy. In addition, land conservation funded by the State of New Hampshire supports key industries that depend on the availability of high-quality protected land and water. New Hampshire has also been successful in leveraging funding support from federal, local, and private sources, expanding the impact of the state's investment. This report presents a summary of the key findings and the benefits of open space investments in the state. Download at <http://www.tpl.org/sites/default/files/nh-state-roi-report.pdf>

Did you know you can always find the Forest & Shade Tree - Insect & Disease Conditions for Maine online? Visit http://maine.gov/dacf/mfs/publications/condition_reports.html



From the Maine Forest Commissioner's Report 1921-1922: "Shade and ornamental tree (sic) are at present not receiving the attention that their importance deserves. Trees of desirable species properly placed and cared for add greatly to the attractiveness of our streets and highways, and are a real asset on farms, estates and other property. It is, however, important that such trees be protected from mechanical injury, insects and disease, properly pruned and when necessary cared for in other ways...Certainly the value of street trees is sufficiently great to warrant local communities in taking the necessary steps to protect them and keep them in good condition. Another phase of the subject is the planting of shade trees along highways, both for aesthetic reasons and as a means of road maintenance. Treeless highways not only afford less attractive and less comfortable driving than tree-lined ones, but there are many places in which the shade furnished by roadside trees is an important factor in keeping them in good condition and in decreasing the cost of maintenance."

"The foliage has been losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first gray hair amidst the locks of a beauty who has seen one season too many."
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

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"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools."

- Henry Beston, *Northern Farm*

Community Wrap-up

SWOAM Meetings

Western Maine and Southern Maine chapters Sat., Sept. 20 -The western chapter September meeting will feature one of the most basic topics of woodlot management – tree identification. Maine has about 72 native species of trees. Depending on the location a typical woodlot might have from 10 to 20 different tree species, each with it's own unique needs for sunlight, soil, aspect and value, not only in dollars but also aesthetics and wildlife.

The meeting will be at the home of Merle Ring, state District Forester and long time SWOAM member. Merle has 16 acres of forestland he has been managing for almost 30 years and he will be leading a tour of his lot, identifying at least 16 different tree species and talking about identifying features.

To find Merle's home from Norway, take rt. 118 west through town, passing Norway lake on the right. About a mile from town, take a left on Rt. 117 heading toward Harrison. At about 6 miles take a left on Gore road. At about ½ mile, take a right on Bow st. Follow this about a mile to the intersection of Ahonen rd. on the left. Continue straight through the intersection onto a gravel road. Merle's driveway is about 300 ft. down this road on the left. Look for the SWOAM sign and his Tree Farm sign.

The public is, of course, welcome. Coffee and donuts and registration at 8:30am, meeting starts at 9. For more information call Merle at 743-5976 evenings.

Western/Southern chapters Oct. meeting - The western and southern SWOAM chapters, and the public, are invited for a guided tour of the Tenmile River Demonstration Forest in Brownfield on Sat., Oct. 18, 9 – noon.

This 210 acre woodland is owned and maintained by the Oxford Co. Soil and Water Conservation District (OCSWCD). The District has created a series of walking trails (more than 5 miles) throughout the lot highlighting numerous natural features, including a geological kettle hole, old and new beaver dams, a marsh, streams, rivers, pools and ponds. The District intends for this to be both a recreation destination for hikers and cross-country skiers and an educational tool for school groups and the public to learn about the natural environment. The tour

will be guided by Michele Windsor, Project Manager for the District, and Merle Ring, state District Forester and chair of the OCSWCD board of supervisors.

To find the site, head south from Fryeburg on Rt. 5, through East Brownfield and the intersection of Rt. 160. Continue on Rt. 5 for another 5 miles or so. Take a right on Notch road and drive another 3 miles. The green gate will be on the right. Signs will be posted. Coffee and donuts and registration at 8:30, program at 9. For more information, call Merle Ring at 743-5976 evenings.

Beginners Christmas Tree Growing Workshop

Where: Sanford, ME

When: 10/7/14 9 am to 1 pm

Cost: Free, but registration is required

Growing quality Christmas trees is a complicated business or hobby. Come learn the basics from the experts at the Maine Forest Service. Topics will include techniques for acquiring quality growing stock, picking a good site, planting trees, fertilizing, controlling pests and diseases, shearing, and marketing. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. The workshop will include a 2 hour field session, so please come dressed for the weather. Lunch will not be provided. For more information or to register, contact Ken Canfield at (207) 441-3712 or ken.canfield@maine.gov

Planting Trees in the Urban Environment Webinar

Thursday, October 09, 2014, 12-1 p.m. (EDT)

Urban residents are known to feel passionately about community trees and green spaces. Urban Foresters & Arborists often find themselves attempting to plant trees in difficult-to-grow areas fraught with stressful elements that include road salt, pest pressures, pollution and lack of available space. Join Dave Lefcourt, Arborist for the City of Cambridge as he discusses strategies and tips to enable the successful greening of a community – one tree at a time.

To attend, visit www.joinwebinar.com and enter the ID code: #777-787-551.

This broadcast is free and will offer the opportunity for arborists to earn 1.0 ISA CEU and 0.5 MCA credit.

"October's poplars are flaming torches lighting the way to winter."

- Nova Bair

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